GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF ADVANCE JET TRAINERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have entered into an agreement with Britain to strike a deal for Advanced Jet Trainer Aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the cost involved in the aforesaid deal;

(d) the time by when aforesaid aircraft likely to be inducted in Indian Air Force; and

(e) the time by when India will become Self-reliant in manufacturing of AJT?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Government have approved the procurement of 24 HAWK Advanced Jet Trainers from M/s BAE Systems, UK ir flyaway condition and 42 to be licensed manufactured at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. No agreement has been signed with UK in this regard.

(d) The aircraft is likely to be inducted in Indian Air Force about 35 months after payment of advance to the supplier.

(e) The licence manufacture of AJT by HAL is expected to start about 42 months after the date of signing the contract.